

PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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For: METHOD FOR TRANSPORTING DATA, A RELATED DATA TRANSMITTING ELEMENT AND A DATA RECEIVING ELEMENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, after the title, insert the heading: --Background of the Invention--.

Page 1, lines 4-8 (not including the title), delete the paragraph in its entirety and insert:

--The present invention relates to a method of transporting data transmitting network element (DTE) and a data receiving network element (DRE) via a point-to-point connection in a communications network, to a related data transmitting device, to a related data receiving element, and related software modules.--

Page 1, between lines 8 and 9 Page 1, between lines 26 and 27, insert the heading: --

Summary of the Invention--

Page 2, between lines 26 and 27, insert the heading: --**Brief Description of the**

Drawings--